



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY AUDIT COMMITTEE
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 525
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

10:30 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (15-1549)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Present: Michelle Vega, Grace Crossette-Thambiah, Genie Chough and
 Roberto Viramontes

Absent: Chair Lori Glasgow, Vice Chair James Blunt, Dorinne Jordan,
 Kieu-Anh King, and Carl Gallucci

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order. (15-1362)

The meeting was called to order by Michelle Vega at 10:35 a.m.

2. Approval of the February 4, 2015 meeting minutes. (15-1363)

On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was approved.

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3. Department Success Stories. (15-1364)

Diana Flaggs, Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), reported on the transition of a group home youth that received a 7 day notice. The youth involved did not want to leave the group home and a team was assembled to provide services, resulting in a 5 1/2 month voluntary stay by the youth, a Foster care placement was also made.

II. OLD BUSINESS

4. Star View Adolescent Center Community Treatment Facility Contract Compliance Monitoring Review (11/7/14) (Continued from meetings of 12/3/14 and 2/4/15). (14-5315)

After a brief discussion, DCFS agreed to provide the Fourth District with an update regarding Security Incident Reports (SIR), reasons for numerous referrals of high level youth, rate of out-of-county placements and issues corrected.

On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Genie Chough, this item was received and filed.

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5. Delilu Achievement Home Contract Compliance Monitoring Review (11/26/14) (Continued from meeting of 2/4/15). (15-0388)

In response to questions posed by Michelle Vega regarding supervision of youth and documents signed timely, Pamela Pease, Probation, reported that the annual monitoring review is in progress. There is no exit conference as of yet, and this agency is being reviewed to determine if the contract will be renewed.

On motion of Michelle Vega, seconded by Grace Crossette-Thambiah, this item was received and filed.

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III. REPORTS

6. Heritage Group Homes Contract Compliance Monitoring Review (2/17/15). (15-1366)

This item was discussed jointly with Agenda Item Nos. 8 and 10.

Genie Chough expressed concern about the Needs and Services Plans (NSP's) and whether agencies are able to pass their audit reviews.

In response to questions posed by Genie Chough, Diana Flaggs and Karen Richardson, DCFS, reported on the availability of NSP training. Ms. Flaggs indicated training is offered twice a year and the next session is scheduled for May 8, 2015. Ms. Richardson indicated that their Quality Assurance Team offers on site trainings as needed; she added that the review process of NSP's remains consistent for all providers.

On motion of Genie Chough, seconded by Michelle Vega, this received and filed.

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7. Touch A Life Foundation - A Department of Children and Family Services Group Home Contract Provider - Fiscal Review (3/2/15). (15-1367)

In response to questions posed by Genie Chough regarding the corrective action plan, Diana Flaggs, DCFS, reported that this agency began making payments in September 2014, however, this agency has been noticed that their contract due to expire on April 30, 2015, will not be renewed. The agency has advised that if their contract is not renewed they will not be able to continue making payments. Ms. Flaggs will send an update via email regarding the amounts paid by this agency.

In response to questions posed by Michelle Vega regarding the loan process and policy, Ms. Flaggs explained that the policy and procedures for usage of funds in Title 4 (e), Federal and State guidelines, require full compliance, otherwise loans are considered disallowed; providers are advised accordingly.

On motion of Genie Chough, seconded by Michelle Vega, this received and filed.

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8. Hanna's House Foster Family Agency Contract Compliance Monitoring Review (2/20/15). (15-1368)

This item was discussed jointly with Agenda Items Nos. 6 and 10.

After discussion, on motion of Genie Chough, seconded by Michelle Vega, this item was received and filed.

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9. B & I Group Home (First District) (3/24/15). (15-1435)

In response to questions posed by Genie Chough and Michelle Vega regarding compliance issues, Diana Flaggs, DCFS, reported that vehicle issues were resolved accordingly, the CAP for this agency was fully implemented in January 2015, their annual review is currently in progress, and training has been provided. Additionally, monitoring of this agency is ongoing due to contractor administrative oversights such as not keeping

current logs for clothing and monetary allowances. Karen Richardson, DCFS, reported that through their quality assurance process CSW's are interviewed, and in October 2014 the findings indicated that all services were provided adequately to staff, providers, children and foster parents.

On motion of Genie Chough, seconded by Michelle Vega, this received and filed.

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10. Nuevo Amanecer Latino Children's Services Foster Family Agency Contract Compliance Monitoring Review (3/17/15). (15-1437)

This item was discussed jointly with Agenda Items Nos. 6 and 8.

After discussion, on motion of Genie Chough, seconded by Michelle Vega, this received and filed.

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VI. MISCELLANEOUS

11. Matters not on the posted agenda (to be presented and placed on the agenda of a future meeting). (14-5122)

Genie Chough commented that foster parents do not have an Ombudsman. Karen Richardson, DCFS, commented that current discussions at the State level include funding for licensed foster care recruitment, training and support.

12. Public Comment. (15-1369)

No members of the public addressed the Committee.

13. Adjournment. (15-1370)

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.